You can also find a downloadable version of the application at www.WayneMetro.org/CERA that can be emailed to CERA@waynemetro.org or mailed to:
Wayne Metro
P.O Box 32873
Detroit, MI 48232

COVID EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

COVID Emergency Rental Assistance can provide rental and utility assistance to eligible tenants and landlords.
**RENT ASSISTANCE**
Up to 12 months of back rent for tenants who have fallen behind on their rent due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some may also be eligible for 3 months of “forward” rent.*
*DO NOT HAVE TO BE IN ANY COURT PROCESS!

**UTILITY ASSISTANCE**
Assistance with arrears for utilities including water, gas, electric and other heating sources is available based on the size of the household. Maximum assistance is $2,500. Internet stipend is also available for those who request it.

**CERA PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY**
Assistance is available to low-income households in Wayne County who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic including:
loss of income, increased expenses due to COVID-19 and past-due rent and/or utilities.*
*Room rentals, mobile home lot rentals, roommate situations and subsidized housing tenants all may also be eligible for assistance.

**HOW IT WORKS**

1. It’s a good idea to start by gathering the documents you may need to apply before you start the application process.

2. Apply online or call for assistance with completing the application.

3. Application will be reviewed to ensure eligibility and enough documentation of the tenant’s eligibility.

4. Landlord will be contacted and asked to supply documentation.

5. Landlord’s documentation will be reviewed and approved.

6. APPROVAL—Payment will be made directly to the Landlord or the utility provider.

**TENANTS WILL BE ASKED TO SHOW (but not all of...)**
- Tenant COVID Emergency Rental Assistance application
- Identification
  - (Could include student ID, health coverage, ID, voter registration card, etc.)
- Verification of income
  - (Could include: SNAP/Food Assistance eligibility, unemployment letter, pay stubs, 2020 income tax return)
- Proof of residency in the unit (mail with name and address on it)
- Notice of rent and/or utility past due
  - (Could include: letter from landlord, Notice to Quit-not required, etc.)
- A lease (if there is one)
- Proof of utility payments
- Internet service bill

**LANDLORDS/PROPERTY MANAGERS...**
can start the process of applying for back rent. You will be asked for certain documentation to establish eligibility and amount of money owed. The tenant will have to agree and complete the tenant application and documentation. No court proceedings are required to receive this assistance.

- Completed Landlord COVID Emergency Rental Assistance application
- Completed lease (if there is one)
- Ledger showing tenant’s payment history in 2020 and 2021 (or statement to tenant of the arrears, or court documents)
- U.S. Tax W-9 form